



CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOBBYISTS AND CLIENTS

1 M.R.S.A. § 1015-A (effective 6/16/2020)

The Commission has published this concise summary to answer most questions concerning this topic. For more information please read [Public Law 2019, c. 534](#).

	Contributions from Lobbyists and Lobbyist Associates	Contributions from Clients of Lobbyists and Lobbying Firms ¹
<p>Current Officials — During Legislative Session The Governor, Constitutional Officers, Legislators, and their staff and agents</p>	<p>may <u>NOT</u> intentionally solicit or accept a contribution (except if official is a candidate in a special election <u>and</u> the lobbyist or lobbyist associate may vote in that election)</p>	<p>may <u>NOT</u> intentionally solicit or accept a contribution (except for a contribution related to a special election)</p>
<p>Current Officials — Outside of Legislative Session The Governor, Legislators and their staff and agents</p>	<p>may <u>NOT</u> intentionally solicit or accept a contribution (except if official is a candidate in a special election <u>and</u> the lobbyist or lobbyist associate may vote in that election)</p>	<p><u>may</u> solicit or accept a contribution</p>
<p>Other Candidates — At Any Time of Year Candidates for Governor or the Legislature, and their staff and agents</p>	<p>may <u>NOT</u> intentionally solicit or accept a contribution (except if the lobbyist or lobbyist associate may vote in the candidate's election)</p>	<p><u>may</u> solicit or accept a contribution</p>

¹ Lobbying Firm is defined as a partnership, corporation, limited liability company or unincorporated association that employs or contracts with more than one lobbyist or lobbyist associate and that receives or is entitled to receive monetary or in-kind compensation for engaging in lobbying either directly or through its employees or agents.

Other Restrictions

<p>Restrictions on Lobbyists, Lobbyist Associates, Clients of Lobbyists, and Lobbying Firms</p>	<p>Lobbyists, lobbyist associates, clients of lobbyists, and lobbying firms may not intentionally give, offer or promise a contribution to a candidate that is forbidden by the restrictions on the reverse side</p>
<p>Contributions to Political Committees</p>	<p>During a legislative session, a lobbyist, lobbyist associate, client of a lobbyist, or lobbying firm may not intentionally give, offer or promise a contribution to a political action committee, ballot question committee or party committee if a Governor, constitutional officer, Legislator, member of an official's staff, or an official's agent is a treasurer, officer, or primary fundraiser or decision-maker.</p>

Exceptions

<p>Charitable purposes</p>	<p>The solicitation, acceptance, offer, or gift of money or anything of value for bona fide social events hosted for nonpartisan, charitable purposes</p>
<p>Attendance at fundraiser for political party committee</p>	<p>The attendance or advertisement of a covered official at a fundraising event for a political party if the covered official has no involvement in soliciting attendance for the event and all proceeds are paid to the political party or charitable organization</p>
<p>Federal office</p>	<p>The solicitation, acceptance, offer, or promise of contributions to a member of the Legislature supporting that member's campaign for federal office</p>
<p>Lobbyist's delivery of contributions by others</p>	<p>If the contribution is not the personal property of the lobbyist, lobbyist associate, client of a lobbyist, or lobbying firm</p>